

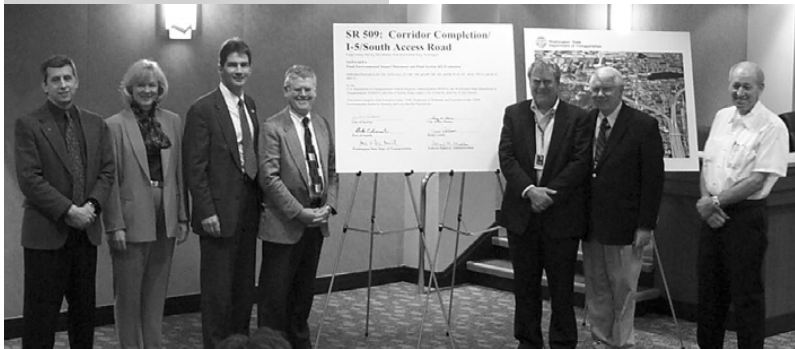


SR-509/I-5 Freight and Congestion Relief Project

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The Final Environmental Impact Statement is Complete



Project Executive Committee members at the signing of the SR 509 Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on January 22, 2003. Alternative C2 has been selected as the preferred alternative and a Record of Decision is scheduled to be signed by the Federal Highway Administration in March 2003. Right-of-way purchase and construction of the project will proceed when funding becomes available. Printed copies of the FEIS are available for review at local libraries and city public works departments, or available for purchase for \$50. A CD version is free upon request and the entire document will be available on the project website (listed on reverse). Contact the project office or visit the project website for details on availability of the final document.

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Funding of SR 509 Uncertain

Due to the failure of R-51, the anticipated funding of \$500 million to purchase property and begin construction is not available. WSDOT expects to receive \$800,000 from the Puget Sound Regional Council to continue design work through November 2003. Additional funding will need to be secured to continue the project.

Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) Possible Source of Funding

King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties are proposing a regional transportation funding package that may include funding for SR 509. If approved by the voters, this could provide the funds needed to complete the project. The RTID will be holding meetings in March to obtain public input on its proposal. For more information, visit www.rtid.dst.wa.us.



For more information, contact

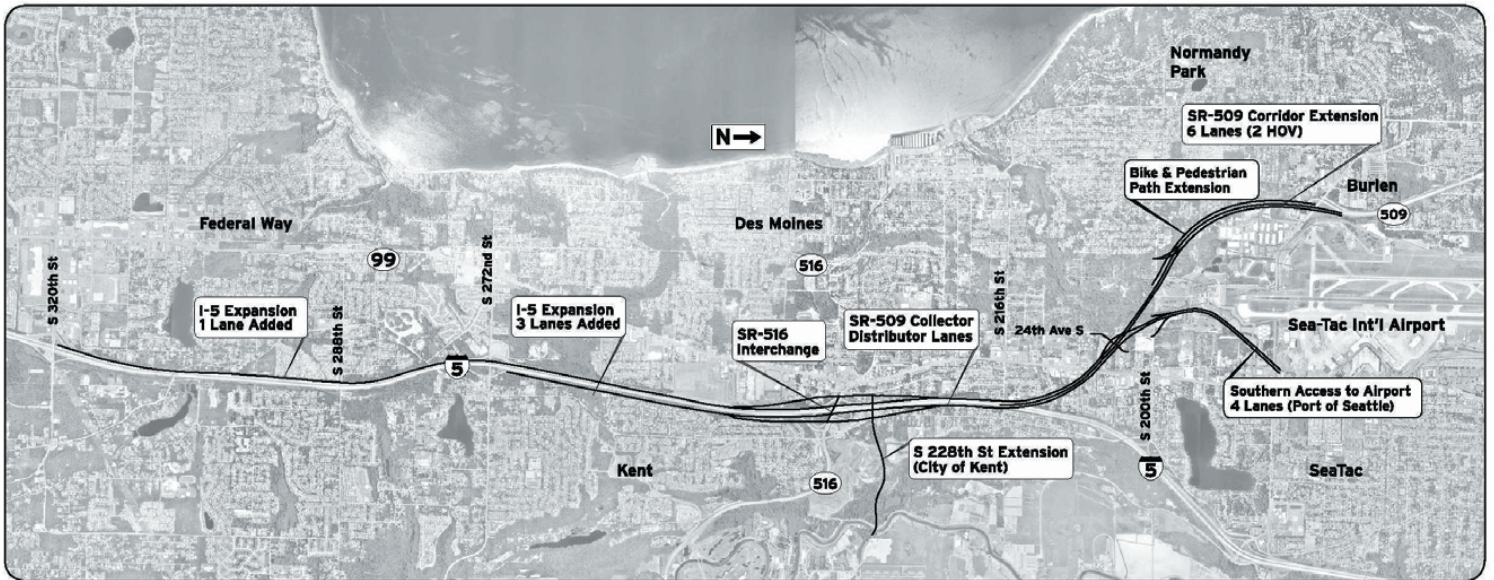
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Photo-simulation view of the proposed SR 509 freeway extension and South Access Road



<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/I5DesMoinesWaySouth188St/>



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